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Upcoming Events

International Women in Engineering Day

Panel Discussion & Dinner Banquet

MONDAY | JUNE 24, 2024

Houston Marriott Westchase
2900 Briarpark Dr, Houston, TX 77042

Social Hour | 5:30pm-6:30pm

Dinner & Panel Discussion | 6:30pm-8pm



Alexa Nichols,
P.E., CFM
MODERATOR

OUR PANELISTS



ELIZA PAUL, P.E.



JESSICA BAKER DAILY,
P.E., CFM, PMP



TINA PETERSEN,
Ph.D., P.E.



CALLIE BLETSCH, P.E.

TICKETS & SPONSORSHIPS:

- ✦ Member \$65
- ✦ Non-Member \$75
- ✦ Government Employee \$60
- ✦ Engineering Advocate \$500
- ✦ Empowerment Partner \$1,000

EVENT CONTACT:

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Join SWE-HA at an upcoming joint event with ASCE and WTS! In honor of International Women in Engineering Day, join us for a panel discussion exploring the careers of women engineers! Panelists include Callie Bletsch, PE, Founder and Senior Vice President, MBCO Engineering; Eliza Paul, PE, TxDOT's Houston District Engineer; Jessica Baker Daily, PE, CFM, PMP, President and CEO, Half, Tina Petersen, Ph.D., PE, Executive Director, Harris County Flood Control District.

[Register Here](#)



Bring your summer interns and join your SWE family for a mocktail happy hour at Wooster's Garden on Thursday, July 18th!

Date: Thursday, July 18th, 2024

Time: 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM

Location: Wooster's Garden (3315 Milam St, Houston, TX 77006)

Price: Free (For Members & Non-Members)

From the SWE-HA Team

June 2024 Member Spotlight



Julie Surfus is a Senior Energy Engineer for Siemens Smart Infrastructure, helping customers throughout the US identify and take action towards their decarbonization goals. She helps quantify and implement energy efficiency strategies and clean energy solutions through a sustainability consulting approach. Prior to joining Siemens, Julie spent 8 years at Dow in hydrocarbons manufacturing as a Process Automation Team Lead followed by a Supply Chain Manager role. She was selected to participate in the Dow Sustainability Academy and helped execute corporate sustainability initiatives. She is a continuous learner, fueled by her passion for travel and the outdoors.

Julie holds a degree in Chemical and Biological Engineering from the University of Colorado - Boulder where she began her involvement with SWE in 2010. She served as the collegiate section Vice President for 2 terms, leading the flagship Evening with Industry event. As an alumna, she enjoys mentoring and being a Houston Area Engineering Ambassador. As a SWE Houston Area professional member, she has participated on the Professional Development Committee, acted as a Networking Committee Co-chair, and will be doing her second term as the Professional Development Chair for FY24. Her career path began with an internship awarded at the WE12 National Conference and came full circle participating as both a speaker and exhibitor at WE22.

As Professional Development Chair, Julie hosted 3 successful events throughout this fiscal year. What made these events extra special was the partnerships Julie and her team secured with local companies (SABIC and AlliantGroup) and universities (Rice University). These partnerships have extended the reach of SWE's mission beyond members to the greater Houston community.

Renew Your SWE Membership Today!



It's time to renew your SWE membership for fiscal year 2025, which begins July 1!

Renew today and use code **EBIRDFY25** to receive \$5 off your FY25 membership

Now is a great time to check that you are registered as an official SWE-Houston Area member! To do so check that the Community Group in your profile says "Houston Area". If it does not, send an email to membership@swe.org to request an update to your Community Group.

Looking forward to an exciting FY25!

Volunteer Opportunities

Robotics Team Mentors Need for Incarnate Word Academy

Incarnate Word Academy is starting a FTC Robotics Team and is looking for 4-6 Engineers to serve as Engineering mentors for their new team next year. IWA would love to recruit at least 2 mechanical engineers and at least 2 software or computer programming engineers, to help mentor the team.

Time commitment would be from 4 pm to 6:30 pm on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons, and on occasional Saturdays for build days and robotics meet days (*about once a month on a Saturday*). IWA is located at 609 Crawford Street, Houston, 77002. We are right across from Minute Maid Park, between Capital, Texas, Crawford, and Jackson streets.

If you are interested in getting more information about being a mentor, please reach out to Ann Marie Girardot, Incarnate Word Academy Engineering and Robotics teacher at agirardot@incarnateword.org

Are you interested in getting more involved with SWE-HA? If so, reach out to us or fill out the FY25 Committee Interest Form linked below!



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